

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEApplicant(s): Bentwich *et al.*

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Examiner: SHIN, DANA H

Title: BIOINFORMATICALLY DETECTABLE
GROUP OF NOVEL VIRAL
REGULATORY GENES AND USES
THEREOF**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Dear Sir:

In response to the final office action mailed on September 26, 2007 (the “Office Action”), and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Submitted herewith are a Petition for a two-month extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and the requisite fees of \$460.00 and \$810.00, respectively, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, which extend the deadline for filing a response to February 26, 2008 and provide an opportunity to withdraw the finality of any office action and to enter and consider this submission.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper; however, should any fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account No. 50-1662 referencing the above docket number.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this reply; **Remarks** begin at page 6.